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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, MZ, RH

SUBJECT: MOZAMBIQUE TO RELEASE RHODESIAN PRISONERS

REF: (A) MAPUTO 302; (B) MAPUTP 345; (C) CAPETOWN 322

1. PRESIDENT MACHEL TOLD UK MINISTER OF STATE ENNALS AND UK AMBASSADOR LEWEN APRIL 3 THAT GPRM HAS DECIDED TO RELEASE RHODESIAN PRISONERS WHO WERE DETAINED FOLLOWING CLOSING OF BORDER ON MARCH 3. HE REQUESTED UK HELP IN EFFECTING THE TURNOVER. MACHEL ADDED THAT GPRM INTENDED TO DISPLAY SIMILAR CLEMENCY TO OTHER PRISONERS AS WELL.

2. UK AMBASSADOR RECEIVED NOTE FROM GPRM APRIL 5 DISCLOSING MORE DETAILS REGARDING THE RELEASE OF THE RHODESIANS. MESSAGE STATED THAT GPRM WISHED TO TURN THE PRISONERS OVER PERSONALLY TO THE UK AMBASSADOR AT A PUBLIC CEREMONY. AMBASSADOR WAS ASKED TO WORK OUT MODALITIES WITH GOVERNMENT. REASON CITED FOR TURNING THEM OVER TO UK AMBASSADOR WAS THAT GPRM CONSIDERED RHODESIANS TO BE CONFIDENTIAL

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BRITISH SUBJECTS.

3. AMBASSADOR LEWEN IS NOT AT ALL EAGER TO PARTICIPATE IN A PUBLIC TURNOVER CEREMONY' BUT WILL GO ALONG WITH GPRM WISHES. TO DO OTHERWISE, HE THINKS, MIGHT DELAY THEIR RELEASE. MOVEOVER, THE UK IS INTERESTED IN ENTERING INTO A DIALOGUE WITH THE GPRM ON RHODESIA AND DOES NOT WISH TO JEOPARDIZE THESE PROSPECTIVE TALKS BY NOT COMPLYING WITH GPRM REQUEST.

4. AMBASSADOR LEWEN REQUESTED THAT THIS INFORMATION BE TIGHTLY HELD.
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